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1. The Hofherr-Schranitz-Clayton-Shuttleworth firm, 24 Via Luigi Settembrini, Milan, is a branch of the Hungarian firm NIK,¹ and is engaged in selling farm machinery and tractors in Italy.

2. The following personnel are connected with the Hofherr-Schranitz-Clayton-Shuttleworth firm:

- a. Mario Boneschi: President, domiciled in Milan at 16 Corso Porta Vittoria;
- b. Cipriano Zavanella: Managing director, domiciled at 12 Via Brera, Milan; and
- c. Giorgio Roma: Attorney, born in Budapest on 25 March 1903, residing at 24 Via Settembrini, Milan, allegedly a sales office director for NIK,

The sale of agricultural machinery (usually to Italian purchasers) is carried out only after the machinery has been tested by Hungarian "experts", despite the fact that there are Italian workers assigned to the firm who are capable of inspecting the machinery. Allegedly the Hungarian workers who come to Milan, Bologna, and Rome, are sent, not only to check machinery and to take account of the commercial activity of the various branches of the Hofherr-Schranitz-Clayton-Shuttleworth firm, but also for purposes of political propaganda. During their sojourn in Bologna, these Hungarians are usually accompanied by "trusted elements", and always by a Hungarian named Giuseppe Hornyk, domiciled at 14 Via Venezia, Parma. Hornyk was allegedly dismissed by the Hofherr-Schranitz-Clayton-Shuttleworth firm several years ago for reasons of health, but in reality, he is still in contact with the firm's attorney in Milan, the above mentioned Roma, and is employed as an interpreter.

3. The Hofherr-Schranitz-Clayton-Shuttleworth firm has the following branches:

- a. Bologna: 6 Piazza VIII Agosto, established on 6 November 1947 for commerce in agricultural machinery and spare parts, with materials

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principally imported from Hungary; registered with the Bologna Chamber of Commerce; employs five Italian clerks and four mechanics; in addition there is a repair shop located at Via del Triumvirato, and a spare parts warehouse at Castelfranco Emilia (Modena);

- b. Rome: 65 Viale Aventino, managed by a Gustavo Sarasini;
- c. Foggia: Michele Mancini e Figlio, 11 Via Garibaldi; and
- d. Ferrara: Edmondo Michelini, 7 Via Contrari.

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The Colorni firm was established in Foggia on 6 June 1925, and is registered in the local Chamber of Commerce as number 1379. The Foggia branch is directed by Ottorino Bosco, born at Mongiana (Catanzaro) on 23 May 1888, domiciled at 45 Via Piave, Foggia.

In the Provinces of Brindisi and Lecce, the above-mentioned Bosco uses the De Nozza e De Pace firm, which has its headquarters at 14 Viale Stazione, Taranto. For the Province of Matera, Bosco uses the Nicola Proceccio firm, 5 Corso Mazzini, Potenza. For the Province of Bari, Bosco uses the Vincenzo Greanza firm, located at 116 Via Vittorio Emanuele, Altamura (Bari).

In regard to commercial contracts with the Hofherr-Schrantz-Clayton-Shuttleworth firm, the Colorni company since 1 January 1951 has been the exclusive representative for the Puglia region and deals directly with the sales office of the Hofherr-Schrantz-Clayton-Shuttleworth firm in Bologna, through its agents and representatives in the various provinces of Southern Italy.

Since 1949, the Hofherr-Schrantz-Clayton-Shuttleworth firm has been represented in Taranto by Felice Troilo, born at San Giorgio, Ionico (Taranto) on 10 June 1894, domiciled at 24 Via De Cesare, Taranto. Troilo is in direct contact with the above-mentioned Roma, whom he does not know personally as the latter has never visited Taranto.

No Hungarian citizens are employed by Bosco or Troilo, and all representatives of the Hofherr-Schrantz-Clayton-Shuttleworth firm in the Puglia region are allegedly of national sentiments and oriented toward the Government parties.

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